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SUBJECT: US REPORTED PLANNING SALE OF A-37'S TO PERU

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1. IMPORTANT CAPITAL DAILY "EL COMERCIO" FRONT PAGED TODAY REPORT ON "WASHINGTON POST" STORY REGARDING US INTENTIONS SELL 15 TO 20 A-37 AIRCRAFT TO PERU. STORY, ATTRIBUTED TO STEPHEN KLAIDMAN, STATES THAT US, REGARDLESS OF DIFFICULTIES WITH RESPECT TO STATUS OF NORTH AMERICAN COMPANIES IN PERU, IS SUPPORTING PERUVIAN REQUESTS FOR INTERNATIONAL CREDITS AND HAS INDICATED ITS INTENTION SELL ARMS TO PERU. "COMERCIO" REPORT NOTES THAT THIS NEWS FOLLOWS BY ONLY A WEEK DOD CONFIRMATION OF SALE OF SOVIET TANKS TO PERU.

2. GUAYAQUIL DAILY "LA RAZON" IN EDITORIAL DECEMBER 20 COMMENTED THAT PURCHASES OF ARMS BY STATES DOES LITTLE TO CREATE ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY CONDUCIVE TO RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. FURTHERMORE, SUCH ACTION CAUSES LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN INTENTIONS

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OF NEIGHBORING STATES AND LEADS TO DIVERSION OF FUNDS FROM MORE

PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES TO ARMS PURCHASES.

3. COMMENT: LOCAL PRESS REACTION TO "WASHINGTON POST" STORY IS
PREDICTABLE. ENVY AND FEAR OF LARGE NEIGHBOR TO SOUTH AND
QUERULOUS SNIPING AT US FOR ITS PRESENT BAN REGARDING MILITARY
SALES TO ECUADOR.
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